

COLLEGE VS. APPRENTICESHIP COST COMPARISON

If You Go To College

Freshman Year

College cost	\$7,500.00
part-time job	<u>2,000.00</u>
net cost	5,500.00

Sophomore Year

College cost	\$8,500.00
part-time job	<u>2,000.00</u>
net cost	6,500.00

Accrued Debt	\$12,000.00
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Junior Year

College cost	\$9,000.00
part-time job	<u>4,500.00</u>
net cost	4,500.00

Accrued Debt	\$16,500.00
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Senior Year

College cost	\$9,000.00
part-time job	<u>4,500.00</u>
net cost	4,500.00

Accrued Debt	\$21,000.00
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If You Choose An Apprenticeship

1st Year of Apprenticeship

Earn	\$13,720.00
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2nd Year of Apprenticeship

Earn	\$16,000.00
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Total Earnings To Date	\$29,720.00
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3rd Year of Apprenticeship

Earn	\$23,000.00
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Total Earnings To Date	\$52,720.00
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4th Year of Apprenticeship

Earn	\$27,000.00
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Total Earnings To Date	\$79,720.00
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Net difference of \$100,720.00 on the day that the college student graduates, and the tradesperson is certified.

Information from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Building & Construction Trades Council (BCTC).

CAREER WAGE COMPARISONS

Job Title	Cost	1st Year Wage	10th Year Wage	10 Year Total
Electrician	+78,000	31,000	40,448	435,240
Lawyer	-36,750	30,000	70,738	446,942
Teacher	-21,000	22,000	35,000	301,010
Nurse	-21,000	24,000	58,080	389,400
Ironworker	+78,000	33,000	43,057	458,289
Reporter	-21,000	16,000	37,727	247,635
Dentist	-42,000	30,000	70,738	461,690
Bricklayer	+78,000	30,000	39,143	423,716
Accountant	-21,000	25,000	58,948	398,742
Engineer	-21,000	30,000	51,875	348,375
Architect	-21,000	18,000	42,443	281,215
Equipment Operator	+78,000	30,000	39,143	423,000
Zookeeper	-21,000	20,000	47,158	314,794
Medical Doctor	-175,000	50,000	117,897	664,486
Estimator	-21,000	18,000	42,443	281,215

All of this is based on University of Wisconsin tuition etc. If you go to a private college, your college costs will be approximately double.

Education costs have been offset by assumed earnings from part-time jobs during college summers.

Professional salaries were adjusted upward 10% per year, while construction trades were given a 3% wage increase per year.

Income for trades does not include persons who are promoted into supervision or management position.